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**Meeting Summary of the SANBAG Board of Directors**  
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## ■ Logistics, distribution: Keys to upward social mobility

Rising worker's compensation costs, high energy rates and increasing prices are causing many well paying job sectors to leave the southern California region, economist John Husing explained in a presentation to Board members.

Logistics jobs can help fill that void, while replacing declining manufacturing jobs at the same time. "Manufacturing is a dying sector in the United States."

The logistics and distribution fields offer a path to upward social mobility by offering blue collar positions with good entry-level pay, opportunities for growth, on the job learning and heavy use of information technology. In addition, the southern California region is perfectly positioned to take advantage of the growing need for logistics and distribution employees, Husing said.

In 2003, jobs in logistics sectors totaled 548,278 in the southland. The majority (64%) involved wholesale trade, followed by truck transportation, support activities for transportation, couriers, ground warehousing, air transport, rail transport and water transport.

The weighted annual pay for this logistics group was \$45,314, higher than the average salaries for construction jobs (\$40,439) and manufacturing jobs (\$43,871). Logistics jobs pay higher, Husing said, due to technological skills needed, such as, computerized order receiving, robotic goods handling, GIS truck routing and more.

The dramatic increase in ship, air and rail cargo arriving in southern California places the region in an enviable position for growth in logistics jobs.

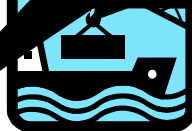
## ■ Passage of FSP bill wraps up 2004 legislative session

The Governor's signature of Assembly Bill 2498 on September 21 helped SANBAG end its state legislative session on a high note.

The bill, authored by Assemblyman John Longville and sponsored by SANBAG, will provide equitable funding for a Freeway Service Patrol in San Bernardino County, explained Mark Watts, a partner with Smith Watts & Company, which provides state legislative support to SANBAG.

Watts outlined the diversion of nearly \$6 billion from state transportation accounts to the general fund over the past three years, creating an ongoing challenge for funding transportation projects. Officials are working to analyze the impact of the planned 2005-06 budget on transportation.

Another uncertainty is the proposed restructuring of Caltrans by consolidating the department under an infrastructure department umbrella, which may make it more difficult for transportation needs to be heard, Watts said.



phase of work on State Route 210. This is the largest contract SANBAG ever has awarded.

Bids were opened on September 29, and the firm was determined the lowest responsible bidder. The contract will include:

- Excavation and construction of freeway lanes
- Bridges at Cactus Avenue, Highland Avenue, Pepper Avenue, Lytle Creek Wash, California Street, 27th Street and half of Cajon Avenue
- A pedestrian bridge at Lilac Avenue
- Retrofit of the Muscoy bridge
- Realignment of Highland Avenue
- Construction of sound walls

Work is set to start before the end of this year. The freeway is expected to open to motorists before the end of 2007.

During the meeting, Board members reviewed a protest of the bid by Riverside Construction, the second-lowest bidder, but determined Atkinson's bid to be valid.

## Down the road ...

- Oct. 13: Administrative Committee, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 14: Major Projects Committee, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 15: Mountain-Desert Committee, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 20: Plans & Programs Committee, 12 noon
- Oct. 27: Route 210 Ground-Breaking Ceremony, San Bernardino

## Metrolink, Omnitrans make daily commuting easier Expanded train service, better connections start October 4

Just in time for California Rideshare Week, SANBAG, Metrolink and Omnitrans have expanded train and bus service for San Bernardino County commuters.

California Rideshare Week, October 4-8, is designed to urge solo drivers to take the train, ride the bus, walk, cycle, carpool, vanpool or work at home at least one day during the week. Rather than limiting these alternative commute methods to Rideshare Week, SANBAG recommends that motorists rideshare **every** week. For more information about sharing rides, call 1-866-RIDESHARE or visit [www.ridematch.info](http://www.ridematch.info) to be matched with a carpool or vanpool partner.



This month's issue of *Measuring Success* focuses on the new Metrolink and Omnitrans service, which makes it easier for commuters to get to work and school. Both Metrolink and Omnitrans are funded in part by Measure I, the half-cent sales tax for transportation improvements in San Bernardino County.

### Expanded Metrolink Service

Metrolink has added trains and increased frequency of passenger rail on its San Bernardino Line, as follows:

- More frequent service is now available between San Bernardino and Los Angeles. Two new trains now depart San Bernardino at 6:34 a.m. and 4 p.m. and arrive in Los Angeles at 8 a.m. and 5:50 p.m., respectively. A new train also departs Los Angeles at 2:20 p.m. and reaches San Bernardino at 3:48 p.m. In addition, the 5:20 p.m. train, which formerly departed Los Angeles traveled only as far as Covina, has extended its service to San Bernardino and arrives at the station by 6:49 p.m.
- Additional service has begun between San Bernardino and Montclair. Two new trains depart San Bernardino at 4:34 a.m. and 5:14 a.m. and arrive in Montclair at 5:10 a.m. and 5:50 a.m., respectively. These trains then head back to San Bernardino from Montclair at 5:20 a.m. and 6 a.m. and reach San Bernardino at 6:10 a.m. and 6:50 a.m., respectively.
- Some adjustments have been made to the Metrolink schedule to accommodate these new trains. The adjustments require some trains to leave five or 10 minutes later than the previous schedule. One train, #329, which formerly departed from San Bernardino at 5:25 p.m. now leaves at 5 p.m.

Local transportation officials praised the additional routes for its convenience to commuters and the low cost to increase the service. By adjusting current schedules, Metrolink has been able to expand service between Montclair and San Bernardino by using existing equipment and crews.

"Metrolink now offers 34 trains every weekday, which fill the gaps in the current schedule, making it easier to commute between San Bernardino and Los

Angeles," said Mike Bair, SANBAG's director of rail and transit programs. "In addition, travelers from the west end of our county now have more options for commuting east to San Bernardino."

Metrolink's San Bernardino Line, which travels between San Bernardino and L.A., is the most heavily used line in the five-county commuter rail system, and these changes should help that trend continue, Bair added. In August, an average of 10,456 riders traveled on the San Bernardino line each weekday, an increase from 10,169 the previous year.

For a complete Metrolink schedule, visit [www.metrolinktrains.com](http://www.metrolinktrains.com) or call (800) 371-LINK.

### Omnitrans CityLink

Omnitrans also started its CityLink service from the San Bernardino Metrolink station at the Santa Fe Depot to major downtown employment sites. CityLink, which is Route 201 in the new Omnitrans schedule, meets Metrolink's three peak morning commute trains, which arrive at 6:10 a.m., 6:50 a.m. and 7:45 a.m., and provides shuttle service to businesses on Arrowhead Avenue, 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Mt. View, 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Sierra Way and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. Buses leave from the 3<sup>rd</sup>

Street bus stop adjacent to the



Metrolink platform. CityLink also provides free

shuttle pickups to connect to trains that leave from the Depot at 4 p.m., 5 p.m. and 6:10 p.m.

CityLink riders who show their Metrolink ticket are able to ride free of charge. Regular fares apply for other riders.

The San Bernardino Metrolink station also is served by Omnitrans Routes 1 and 90, which connect to destinations beyond downtown San Bernardino. For full Omnitrans schedules and routes, visit [www.omnitrans.org](http://www.omnitrans.org) or call 1-800-966-6428.

